

Part 1: Background Information

1) What was the Underground Railroad?

The Underground Railroad was a secret network organized by people who helped men, women, and children escape from slavery to freedom.

2) How and when did the Underground Railroad begin?

The Underground Railroad began before the civil war and it operated from 1830-1865. It began from Isaac T. Hopper's idea to aid and hide fugitive slaves. Opponents of slavery allowed their homes to be safe houses that provided food and supplies for them.

3) Why was it called the Underground Railroad?

The name was given in the 1830's right around the time that trains began to carry passengers across the united states because it was kind of like a train and it transported people secretly across the U.S.

4) Who helped the slaves escape?

The Quakers helped the slaves escape because they also felt unappreciated in their country. Also after Harriet Tubman freed herself, she continued to help other slaves to their freedom

5) What or who was each of the following on the Underground Railroad?

A) stations and depots

Stations and depots were safe houses along the underground railroad which supplied food and a place to sleep.

B) stationmasters

Provided slaves with food, clothing and a place to rest and often gave directions to another safe house.

C) stockholders

Those who contributed money of food to the fugitives.

D) conductor

Conductors guided the runaway slaves to freedom and safe houses and help them gather supplies.

6) What was the first thing that a slave had to do? How did he/she do this?

The first thing a slave had to do was to escape from the slave holder. For many slaves, they had to rely on their own resources. Sometimes a "conductor" would pose as a slave to help them escape.

7) How would the escaping slaves know how to travel north? For what signs would they look?

They knew how to travel North because of the North Star. They looked for the North Star because it is 1 degree shy from being exactly on the North Pole.

8) What was the Drinking Gourd? Where is it located?

The Drinking Gourd was a group of stars that reassembled a ladle and a bowl, what they used to drink at the time (now the Big Dipper). It is located where the Big Dipper is today (Space).

9) What is the North Star? Where is it located?

The North Star is the brightest star in the sky that guided slaves through the woods at night. The North Star is located about 1 degree away from the Earth's North Pole and it's on the handle of the Little Dipper.

10) At what time of day did the slaves move? Why did they move at that time?

They slaves moved at night so most of the guards were asleep and they could find out the direction to go thanks to the help of the North Star.

11) How far apart were the "stations"?

The stations were usually about 10-20 miles apart from one another.

12) What did the slaves do at the "stations"?

The slaves ate, they got new clothes and they slept at the stations

13) How did the slaves travel?

The slaves normally traveled by boat or by train, sometimes however, they had to pay to get on.

14) What role were quilts believed to have played on the Underground Railroad?

During the Underground railroad, Quilts were hung on the porch of houses to tell the slaves that it was a safe place to eat and sleep.

15) Who were some of the people who helped on the Underground Railroad

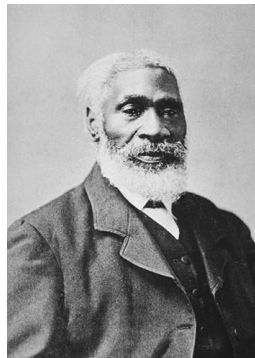
Harriet Tubman and the Quakers built the Underground Railroad to help the slaves escape from a brutal life and help them live as a free person.

Part 2 Questions: Journal Entry Questions

First I planned what what be the safest way out from the slaveholder. Then I gathered the small food rations they gave me, it wasn't much, but it would help me. Then I waited for night to pass so it would be easier to get away. The journey started after I escaped the slave holder, but when I got out there were scouts all over, I had to hide. Eventually when I manage to sneak through the bushes, I was in the forest. It was very dark and tiring, my feet were aching, I had no shoes. There were dead ends everywhere, hills I had to climb. But I managed. The Americans would of shot me if they seen me. When I

got into the forest there were black bears, I encountered a mother bear near her den, but I didn't seem to threaten her for some odd reason. I knew if I went out of the forest they would see me and I would be brought back to the slave camp, or be shot. The brightest star in the sky, the North Star, was there every night, guiding me to the North. It was the only thing that was keeping me motivated to continue. I slept at stations along the way, they were about 10-20 miles apart. I had to walk almost all day to get to the next one to rest again. It was a long trek. Normally I would get food at the station, but sometimes during my voyage there was a stockholder who gave me some food rations. Stations and depots were the best place I had to hide, but occasionally I ran into scouters, so the forests and caves proved just fine. I started at South Carolina, then I went to North Carolina, Virginia, then Washington DC. Followed by Pennsylvania, the last state was New York. A conductor, by the name of Al K. Holc helped guide me to the North and helped me find my way to each safe house. There was a quilt on the porch which indicated they, at the safe house, wanted to help. It was probably about 1,200 kilometres to Canada. It took me 1 month and 6 days to get to Canada. I traveled about 34 kilometres each day. At the beginning I used a row boat to travel from South Carolina to Virginia, then I walked most of the time but I managed to get in the occasional wagon that went by. My Journey ended in London, Ontario. Because I found out I was finally in Canada and I was finally free, also it seemed like a good place to settle down and start a new life as a civilized citizen.

**Picture of myself ->
(At Canada)**



What was Canada's

Canada's role
freedom to the slaves
Canada let the slaves

like animals. Canada provided safety from the Americans, and they provided laws against slavery. Canada treated the slaves as equal. Canada was the land of free. Slaves fled to Canada for those reasons, they wanted to be respected. They wanted to work without all of the physical labour, they wanted to get paid. That's what Canada provided to them. The slaves got to live by the white people without being handed in for a reward or beat or killed. Canada was everything to the slaves. They got to be part of society, people would actually know their names and what they wanted to do. They weren't called slaves in Canada, they were called human beings. The slaves got to relive their lives the way they wanted it since they got to America, they wanted to be like everyone else. They wanted to fit in, just like in Africa. That was the importance

role in the Underground Railroad?

in the Underground Railroad was to provide
that came from the East-coast of America.
live a normal life, they did not treat the slaves

